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DECLARATION  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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MAINTAINING DATA INTEGRITY FOR EXTENDED  
DROP OUTS ACROSS HIGH-SPEED SERIAL LINKS

the specification of which

(check [X] is attached hereto  
one)

[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Application Serial No.  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
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<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year Filed)</u>	Yes	No
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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

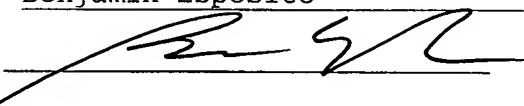
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First Inventor's signature 

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Application No. : Not Yet Available  
Filed : Concurrently Herewith  
For : MAINTAINING DATA INTEGRITY FOR EXTENDED  
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Group Art Unit : Not Yet Available  
Examiner : Not Yet Available

POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, the undersigned assignee of record, by virtue of an assignment submitted concurrently herewith for recording, of the above-identified patent application, hereby elects to conduct the prosecution of the above-identified patent application to the exclusion of the inventors. The assignee hereby revokes any powers of attorney previously granted and appoints Derek E. Minihane, Reg. No. 39,774, Robert R. Jackson, Reg. No. 26,183, and Jeffrey H. Ingerman, Reg. No. 31,069, its attorneys, with power of substitution, and with power of appointment of associate attorneys, and of revocation of their powers, to prosecute this application and any divisions, continuations in whole or in part, renewals and reissues of the same, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith;

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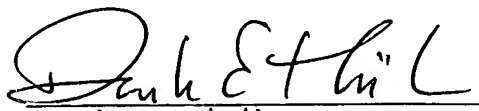
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), the undersigned  
hereby certifies that the evidentiary documents have been  
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